

MEETING MINUTES
WATER QUALITY ASSURANCE REVOLVING FUND ADVISORY BOARD
ADEQ, 1110 West Washington, Phoenix Arizona, Room 250
November 30, 2007

Board Members in attendance:

Tamara Huddleston	Alan Croft
Dave Christiana	Kelly Barr
Karen O'Regan	Rick Lavis
Dr. Bridget Bero	Steve Besich
Jim Vieregg	Karen Gaylord
Nancy Petersen	Glinda Weddle
Amanda E. Stone	Richard Bark

Board Members Absent:

Lori Faeth	Nicholas Wallwork
Manuel Ramirez	
Lee Stein	

- I. Welcome/Opening Comments/Administrative Issues-** Ms. Karen Gaylord, Vice Chairman called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of October 19, 2007 Minutes** – Mr. Rick Lavis moved to accept the minutes; it was seconded by Ms. Tamara Huddleston. Mr. David Christiana had a correction under call to the public; the person who spoke was not actually present. It was moved by Mr. Christiana and seconded by Mr. Jim Vieregg to make the change to the minutes. The amendment was passed and the minutes were subsequently passed.
- III. Departmental Reports**
 - A. ADEQ** – Ms. Samantha Roberts discussed the department report. Mr. Lavis inquired about the delisting test sites; Washington Fluff is still in process; Vulture Mill is awaiting a signed DEUR from Mr. Underdown; and Western Avenue recent groundwater sampling results indicate a change in concentration of PCE and the site is currently being reevaluated. Mr. Lavis pointed out that Mr. Ed Swan is in the audience.
 - B. ADWR** – Mr. Christiana summarized the report given to Board members in their packets. Mr. Christiana stated the Department is still lacking in personnel. Mr. Lavis inquired on results on some of the well inventories. Further clarification of packet contents commenced. Mr. Lavis also inquired about the West Van Buren Plume historical location. Ms. Nancy Petersen questioned the well inventory updating for the Tucson area. Mr. Christiana responded that there is more updated information than what was presented at

this meeting. The purpose of the performed inventories has been to get the most updated information on wells.

IV. EPA Proposals to list Arizona Sites on the NPL – Ms. Gaylord gave a brief background on the two sites EPA proposes to list in Arizona. She also gave historical background on the Board’s opinion regarding the listing. The Board has not come to any conclusion on the NPL listing. There are two proposed sites and below is the information regarding the proposed sites;

A. Iron King Mine – Humboldt Smelter Site

1. ADEQ and EPA discussion with GreenFields Enterprise – Ms. Roberts gave out information at the last meeting on the current status. The governor’s office agreed to the listing and to open discussion with responsible parties who are willing to do work. Ms. Roberts stated that a meeting was held in November with GreenFields Enterprises who are the current owners of the area around the smelter. GreenFields Enterprises is waiting to hear from EPA about becoming a bonafide prospective purchaser under EPA guidelines. They are moving forward with listing.

B. ASARCO Inc. – Hayden Plant Site

1. ADEQ and EPA discussion with ASARCO – ADEQ and EPA met with representatives of ASARCO in October 2007 and is in the process of negotiations regarding the site. Ms. Gaylord clarified that ASARCO is aiming to take over the work and avoid listing. The governor’s office requested that the listing be put on hold until March 31, 2008.

Discussion was held among Board members regarding what action the Board will take on these two listings. Mr. Lavis pointed out that adding more sites to the WQARF registry will not be financially feasible. Mr. Bark asked how these sites appeared and why didn’t WQARF address them. Ms. Gaylord reminded the Board that that WQARF program does not take all sites with environmental issues; only the sites where the needs are of a magnitude that mandate remediation and current budget issues as well.

Ms. Stone stated that ADEQ does not have a policy for evaluating sites that are proposed for EPA listing. They are done on a site specific basis. She also commented that EPA priorities should not influence the WQARF Board and Arizona priorities. The Hayden facility already has EPA lead clean up activities started and the Department has provided input and felt EPA was better to handle the magnitude of the site.

Mr. Bark stated the budget shortfall should not be used as an argument for EPA listing of these sites. That argument may have ramifications at the legislature when the WQARF budget indicates a carryover. The WQARF program was

established so that ADEQ could take the lead and limit EPA involvement in Arizona clean up.

Mr. Besich clarified the differences between the two proposed sites. ASARCO's environmental issues have been preset for years and the ASARCO site has an identifiable working party. The Iron King mine smelter has been abandoned and has no identified working party.

Ms. Gaylord asked Ms. Roberts for an update on discussions regarding the two sites at the next Board meeting. If any milestones happen before the next meeting she requested the Board be notified.

V. Committee Reports

A. Budget & Finance Committee –

- 1. Current Budget and Expenditure Report** – Mr. Lavis stated that due to the Arizona budget shortfall, JLBC reviewed the WQARF funds and is proposing to transfer 5 million dollars. Mr. Lavis emphasized that WQARF projects need to get moving to use the money so that the carryover is reduced. Next years WQARF activities will increase and utilize the entire budget. The Legislature needs to be aware of these activities and that they require funding. The progress charts would make a good benchmark to show site activities

Ms. Gaylord stated this topic needs to be addressed at the next board meeting. Mr. Bark stated that the Board should follow ADEQ lead on talking with the legislature. The Board has historically had this issue of using the money on a specific schedule and encumbrance year after year.

Mr. Bark asked for the expenditures by site for the next meeting on a quarterly basis.

Ms. Gaylord asked for the legislative committee to meet immediately following the state of state address.

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned